

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3523 - HB 3409

March 3, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to initiate a four-month research project to determine the current rate of substance use by prenatal patients. Requires the Department to report the findings of the project to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 31, 2009.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

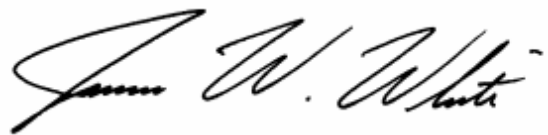
Increase State Expenditures - \$2,393,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would enter a contract to design and implement the study, analyze the results and prepare a final report. Based on the cost for an epidemiologist, a part-time pharmacist, a part-time physician, and a data entry support position, the Department estimates such contract to increase expenditures by \$300,000.
- It is estimated that there would be approximately 6,500 births in nine hospitals over a four month period. Both the mother and baby will be tested resulting in a total of 13,000 tests.
- The Department estimates that each participating hospital will receive \$150 per test for the cost of participation to include staff time, collecting samples and data submittal which will result in an increase in expenditures of \$1,950,000 (\$150 x 13,000 tests).
- Laboratory expenses are estimated at \$11 per test resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$143,000 (\$11 x 13,000).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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